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F. COCHINARD,

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Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

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PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$1,500,000.

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At 3 months' notice 3 % per Annum.

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GEO. O. SCOTT,

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Hongkong, September 4, 1870.

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A. D. 1720.

The Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurance as follows:

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Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

號九月五日二十八百八十一英

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1882.

日二十一月三年午王

PRICE, \$24 PER ANNUM.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has Admitted Mr. M. L. SALAMON into PARTNERSHIP from this date, and the Business in future will be Conducted under the Style of "HOLMES & SALAMON."

(Signed) GEORGE HOLMES.

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HONGKONG.—Cotton and Opium Dealers.

Hongkong, May 2, 1882.

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NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. WOO TAI in the Firm of "SHANG TAI WOO," dealer in Cotton and Opium, No. 30, Wing Lok Street, has CEASED from the 1st of May, 1882, as he has Withdrawn his Principal and Interest therefrom.

We, the Undersigned, are Carrying on BUSINESS under the same Style and Firm of "SHANG TAI WOO." The Business of the said Firm will in future be Carried on Solely in the Interest of the Undersigned.

SHANG TAI WOO,

Cotton and Opium Dealers.

Hongkong, May 2, 1882.

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For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED SUPPLIES OF

PEARS' TRANSPARENT WASH BALLS.

PEARS' TRANSPARENT SOAP TABLETS.

PEARS' TRANSPARENT SHAVING STICKS.

PEARS' ASSORTED SOAPS for the Bath.

FARINA'S EAU DE COLOGNE.

HENDRIE'S CHOICEST PERFUMES.

DEVOE'S NONPAREIL KEROSINE OIL,

150° test and therefore perfectly safe.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

Intimations.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE—1881,

IN LIQUIDATION.

THE LIQUIDATORS having decided to Pay a FIRST DIVIDEND of \$300 per Share (being on account of Capital and Reserve Fund), Shareholders are hereby notified that the said Sum will be paid-them on their handing their CERTIFICATES to the Undersigned for Endorsement.

F. B. JOHNSON, Liquidator.

E. F. ALFORD, Liquidator.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, 1881.

Hongkong, March 20, 1882.

Insurances.

PRUSSIAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY, OF STETTIN.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to give Insurance against FIRE at Current Rates.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, May 10, 1881.

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THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).

Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remain-

ing on board after the 10th Instant, will be

landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be

effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to

YOKOHAMA, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-morrow, the 9th

Instant.

All Claims against the Steamer must be

presented to the Undersigned on or before

the 18th Inst., or they will not be recognised.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 8, 1882.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
WILL REMOVE ON 1ST MAY
to their
NEW AND EXTENSIVE
PREMISES,
No. 53, Queen's Road East
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONERS),
WHERE they have special facilities for
conducting their Town and Harbour
Business, and trust to merit a continuance
of Public Confidence and Support.

A FULL STOCK OF STORES,
WINES, &c.,
ALWAYS ON HAND,—INCLUDING:

YORK HAMS.

CHRISTMAS CAKES.

TEYSSONNEAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.

ALMONDS and RAISINS.

SMYRNA FIGS.

PICNIC TONGUES.

COCOTTAINA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.

LIMON & ETTI COCOA.

FRENCH PLUMS.

HUNTER & PAKER'S BISCUITS.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.

CHOCOLATE—MENTIER.

SAUSAGES.

BROWN.

ISIGNY BUTTER.

DANISH BUTTER.

BREAKFAST TONGUES.

ANCHOVIES.

ASPARAGUS.

SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES

HUNTER'S MONOPOLE & WHITE
SEAL.

VEUE CLIOQU PONSARDIN.

JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS—

CHATEAU MARGAUX.

CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.

CHATEAU LAFITE, "

"REES GRAVES,

"BREAKFAST CLARET," "

SHERRIES & PORT—

SACCONI'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SACCONI'S OLD INVALID PORT

(1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—

1, 2 & 3 STAR HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

BISQUIT DUTCHER & Co.'s BRANDY.

FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KRUGER'S LIQUID WHISKY.

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MARASCHINO.

CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA.

BOKER'S and ORANGE BITTERS.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CANNON and
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

PILSENER BEER, in quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

TOPCAN BUTTER.

Eastern and California CHEESE.

Boneless CODFISH.

Prime HAMS and BACON.

Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.

PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.

Pickled OX-TONGUES.

Family PIG-PORK in kegs and pieces.

Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.

Beauf IDEAL SALMON in 5 lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGÉTABLES.

Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage

MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted PICKLES.

MINCEMEAT.

COMB HONEY in Original Frames.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated
MEATS.

Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.

"Lunch TONGUE.

McCarty's Sugar LEMONADE.

Clam CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.

Green TURTLE in 2½ lb cans.

&c., &c., &c.

YACHT & PICNIC SUPPLIES.

CALIFORNIA RACKER

COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb

tins, and loose.

Alphabetical BISCUITS.

Fancy Sweet Mixed

BITTERS.

Ginger CAKES.

Soda BISCUITS.

Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.

OATMEAL.

HOMINY.

CORNMEAL.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.

RYE MEAL.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in

5 and 10 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

SHIPHANDLERY of every Description

MACKINNON PEN.

LIVERMORE PEN.

LAWN TENNIS BATS.

LAWN TENNIS BALLS.

LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

Hongkong, April 15, 1882.

Mails.



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MALTA, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI,
ANCONA, VENICE, PLYMOUTH,
AND LONDON;

—ALSO—
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES,
TRISTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK
AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
"GWALIOR," Captain M. de HORNE, will
be despatched from this for LONDON direct, via SUEZ
CANAL, and usual Ports of Call, on
FRIDAY, the 12th May, 1882, at Daylight.

Cargo will be received on board until
Noon on the day previous.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office
until Noon on the day previous.

For further Particulars, regarding
FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the
PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are
required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to
note the terms and conditions of the
Company's Black Bills of Lading.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, May 1, 1882. my12

Insurances.

YANGTZE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up)... £10,420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE..... £10,230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND..... £10,563.95

TOTAL CAPITAL AND AC-
CUMULATIONS, 6th APRIL, 1882..... £10,940,563.95

Directors.

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POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all
parts of the World.

Subject to a Charge of 12 % for Interest
on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits
of the UNDERTAKING BUSINESS are an-
nually distributed among all Contributors
of Business in proportion to the Premium
paid by them.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 9, 1882. my82

To-day's Advertisements.

CHIARINI'S ROYAL ITALIAN
CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE

WILL arrive in Hongkong from Manila
in the specially-chartered Steamer
"Diamond" on or about the 16th Instant,
and will PROBABLY OPEN on

THURSDAY, the 18th,

on the Vacant Lot at Bownington, East
Point, near the Canal.

For further Particulars, see Future An-
nouncements.

FRANK G. WILSON,
Agent.

Hongkong, May 9, 1882. my12

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Stada* reports:

Fine weather throughout.

The British steamer *Ashington* reports:

Generally fair weather throughout.

The British steamer *Hector*, reports:

Light Southerly winds and fine weather.

The British steamer *Yangtze* reports:

Fine weather; latter part foggy.

The British steamer *Paladin* reports:

Fine weather to Ladrones, thence to port

foggy. Passed S. from C. T. Hook in river

bound to Saigon from Antwerp. Passed

French Mail about 25 miles North of Cape

Vorlou bound South.

The British steamer *Kamtschatka* reports:

Thick foggy weather from Breaker Point to

Ningpo, otherwise fine weather and light

variable airs and smooth sea.

The British steamer *Abay* reports:

Left Taiwano May 5th, Amoy 6th, and

total abstinence among various races inhabiting widely separated regions of the earth, had its origin in an observation of the injurious consequences attending the use of swine's flesh, even some of those degraded specimens of humanity, the aboriginal savages refuse, under the greatest temptation of hunger, to partake of it! The revelations regarding the *Trichina spiralis* discovered by Owen do not need reproduction. Investigations made by the Medical profession prove that among habitual pork-eaters, such diseases as gastro-enteritis, diarrhoea, and dysentery are prevalent; and more recent discoveries at tributary to parasitic germs in the blood, which would go far to explain the common occurrence of that loathsome complaint among Chinese. The same may be said of elephantiasis, and other ailments having the same origin or due to the same cause. These lines are not intended as a sweeping condemnation of Chinese pork; but against the objectionable practices that predominate in rearing the animals, and the serious consequences arising therefrom—among which that public cannot be sufficiently warned. Even American pork is not quite free from the charge of like infection. A microscopic examination of pork killed in S.E. Indiana, made in 1876, revealed the fact of from 3 to 16 per cent. of hogs being infested with *trichinae*. It soon produced a revolution in hog-rearing; and now the Americans find that the cheapest way of getting corn to market is to feed pigs. That is remunerative to do so may be gleaned from the fact that in November last, the month's packing of hogs was 2,025,000—the total western packing for the previous year being nearly 13,000,000 hogs! It is satisfactory to record that a recent scientific examination of Chicago pork-earners resulted in giving the pigs a clean bill of health!

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]

(Per E. A. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

THE ASSASSINATION OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY FOR IRELAND.

ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

LONDON, 8th May.
A special Cabinet Council was held yesterday, and another is summoned for to-day.

The Conservative Leaders will support the Government if repressive measures are adopted.

The Times denounces the Government.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next English Mail, by the P. & O. steamer *Aurora*, may be expected to arrive here on or about the 11th inst. She brings London dates to the 7th April.

TELEGRAMS FOR BANGKOK can go forward by mail closing at Singapore at 3 p.m. on Thursday, the 11th inst.

We are requested to state that no notice of the postponement of the *Coptic's* departure was given at the General Post Office, till too late to be of service to the public.We observe, in the *Calcutta Englishman* of the 18th ult., that the name of Sir John Pope Hennessy is noted as a passenger by the next homeward mail from Bombay—presumably that of the 21st of April.

On the 16th inst. Chirinri's circus may be expected in the Colony, and on the 18th residents may hope to relieve the monotony of the hot weather by travelling to the vacant ground at Bowrington Bridge and there studying the more formidable part of natural history and the art of equestrianism as displayed in various forms. The troupe has earned a good name wherever it has been, and consists of a number of ladies and gentlemen equally distinguished in their several roles of riders, acrobats, horizontal bar performers, and gymnasts in general. There cannot be the slightest doubt but that the circus will be largely attended while here.

This evening, about half-past six o'clock, a most disgraceful scene was enacted by some Russian sailors belonging to the *Africa* at Peddar's Wharf. A large number of the men were drunk; but two, and one of these more particularly so, were excessively drunk. The companions of the man who was most inebriated endeavoured to remove him to a jinrikisha, but in a manner which would naturally be expected from tipsy sailors. The insensible man was tossed about in a way which threatened serious consequences had it not been for the interference of one or two Europeans. Apparently the latitude allowed to seamen on shore is great, as, though all this was going on under the noses of a European and a Sikh policeman, nothing was done towards putting an end to what was a most disgraceful exhibition.

YESTERDAY Constable Lyons in apprehending a Gun Lascars for indecent bathing on the hill side at Kennedy Road, received injuries which will necessitate his staying in Hospital for a few days. The constable noticed two Gun Lascars and a Chinaman enjoying a bath in one of the hill streams, but did not care to interfere without having assistance, for which purpose he blew his whistle thinking to attract the attention of some of the police in No. 3 Station. This he failed to do, but Constable Ryan, who is stationed at Aberdeen, happening to be in the vicinity, went to Lyon's assistance. The Chinaman made off on the approach of the Police; the Lascars remained, however, and pointed in the direction of the Chinaman, apparently being under the impression that their misconduct would be overlooked by the police. Lyons tackled one of the lascars, who grasped the constable round the neck and after wrestling for some time gave him a severe kick in the stomach with one of his heavy boots, the only articles of clothing he had on. This caused the constable to release his hold, and the man went straight to the Gun Lascars' quarters, where Lyons followed, and getting an escort from the Military took both men to the Station, the second also having made his escape to the Military's quarters, where he is now held in confinement, awaiting trial before the Court-martial.

The N.C.D. News says it appears that on the death of Li Hung-chang's mother, the first Imperial Edict was issued limiting the period of retirement to one hundred days. As it is duty-bound, however, the Viceroy applied in a formal manner to be permitted to withdraw for the full twenty-seven months; and now, we say by the *Shen Pao*, the Emperor issues a second Edict, reiterating his orders and giving historical precedents for the innovation. The Court, he says, bases the Government of the Empire upon filial piety, and therefore would not think of opposing the exercise of that virtue in others, for it is rarely found. But the public interest cannot be allowed to suffer. A high compliment is paid to Li for the manner in which he has fulfilled for so long a period the onerous duties of his exceptional position, and references are made to Sun Chai-ching, Chu Shih-chen, Tseng Chien, Chiang Ping, Yu Ping-chung, and other worthies of the periods Yang Chien and Chien Lung, all of whom underwent their mourning while carrying on their official duties. In later times Taing Kuo-fan and Hu Liu-yi sacrificed their private feelings for the sake of the country, so Li Hung-chang must do the same, and will use all his influence and beneficial career in promoting the interests of those for whom it is founded.

ERRORS OF VISITORS TO THE CITY HALL MUSEUM FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 7TH.

	EUROPEAN.	CHINESE.
Monday,	17	194
Tuesday,	19	26
Wednesday,	31	222
Thursday,	42	354
Friday,	16	398
Saturday,	23	282
SUNDAY		
TOTAL,	141	1,526
GRAND TOTAL,	1,607	

We hear from trustworthy Chinese sources that actions have been received of a fresh outbreak of the Mahomedan rebellion in the north-west provinces of China. The former head of the Mahomedan outbreak which took so many years to suppress, Bah Yu-ho, has crossed the frontier into Ili with his band. He was a native of Si-kiang in Shansi, and when first he embarked upon his rebellious career he killed his mother and family to save them falling into the hands of the Imperialists. He was afterwards driven into Russian territory and was protected by the Russians. The Chinese insisted for a long time upon his return, but the Russes refused. Now he has broken into Chinese territory with his bands into the Tien Shan, Po-tai, eight miles west of Kashgar, and Li Chien-chai, the Military Governor of the New Dominion, as Ping-to-tien-chai, which creates a difficulty as the Chinese would thus place the Russian officials on equal terms. It is supposed that the Russians have restrained the rebels if they had liked.—*Corrieri*.

"ROTURIO."

A strange fatality attended, in the early days, this very little known work of the great Donizetti. The celebrated tenor Nourrit, desirous of regaining the position he was under the impression he had lost with a musical-loving public, got the grand Macario to compose the music to the subject of "Polyauro," one of Racine's grand plays. Presented to the censorship of the then Neapolitan government the opera was disallowed, and Nourrit, who had reckoned upon the role of "Polinto" as a re-enter into favour, lost his reason. This was in 1830. But a few years afterwards Donizetti was brought back to Italy, dead to the world, for, as in the former case, his mind had fled. The music score fell into good hands, and the popular Eugene Scribe made the necessary arrangements in producing a grand work. The plot of the opera is this: *Sereni*, the Roman Pro-consul of Armenia, has a daughter, *Paelina*, married to a high dignitary, none other than *Polinto*, who, under the influence of his friend *Marcos*, has lately joined the small band of Christians. He is discovered by *Paelina* in the catacombs, but his high position guards him from trouble; not so, however, his friend, who is arrested and brought before the Pro-consul, when *Polinto* is anxious to save him, and declares himself one of the new sect, and shows his opinion by upsetting the altar in the temple of Jupiter. He is now arrested and sent to prison, in which he is visited by *Paelina*, who begs him to renounce his errors, but his calm and placid manner, anxious to meet death for his faith, so works upon *Paelina* that she "sees light," and refuses to leave *Polinto*. *Sereni*, the Pro-consul, attended by his court, visit the prison, promising them life if they will only abjure their errors, but his offers are spurned. *Polinto* and *Paelina* are rushing to the door of their prison going in to the arena there to meet death by facing wild beasts when, the curtain falls. Such is a brief outline of the work, for the first time presented to a Hongkong audience, and which may be recorded as a success. Nearly the whole weight of the piece rests on Signor Yantelli, who in the title role acted and sang most satisfactorily. Signor Ciccioli is good in any role he undertakes, and his rendering of the Roman Proconsul was no exception. Signor Corti, as *Callistene*, Jove's High Priest had, as usual, an ungrateful part, but made the best of it. Signora Lubiceci we have never seen to better advantage; she sang wonderfully well, and the fair contralto deserved the applause she obtained. The admirable sexto at the close of the second act was fairly well rendered, but might have been made more of had there been an accessory in the shape of a chorus; this and the grand duo of *Polinto* and *Paelina* before going to death are the gems of the work, which however has never attained that celebrity which other operas of Donizetti have reached. *Polinto's* cavatina "I will Jove's temple enter" is also to be commended, and the hymn to Jupiter is considerably fine. We were very much pleased with the chorus behind the scenes in the first act. Divine service in taking place in the Catacombs, music is heard, and *Paelina* then first discovers, by hearing this voice, that *Polinto* belongs to the Christian faith. Signor Brunetti and Paterno should also be favourably mentioned; the former, as *Marcos*, the chief of the band of Christians, sang the minor part exceedingly well. We may mention that *Polinto* has been brought prominently before European audiences, by the great tenor Tamberg, who made it one of his chief roles.

The N.C.D. News says it appears that on the death of Li Hung-chang's mother, the first Imperial Edict was issued limiting the period of retirement to one hundred days. As it is duty-bound, however, the Viceroy applied in a formal manner to be permitted to withdraw for the full twenty-seven months; and now, we say by the *Shen Pao*, the Emperor issues a second Edict, reiterating his orders and giving historical precedents for the innovation. The Court, he says, bases the Government of the Empire upon filial piety, and therefore would not think of opposing the exercise of that virtue in others, for it is rarely found. But the public interest cannot be allowed to suffer. A high compliment is paid to Li for the manner in which he has fulfilled for so long a period the onerous duties of his exceptional position, and references are made to Sun Chai-ching, Chu Shih-chen, Tseng Chien, Chiang Ping, Yu Ping-chung, and other worthies of the periods Yang Chien and Chien Lung, all of whom underwent their mourning while carrying on their official duties. In later times Taing Kuo-fan and Hu Liu-yi sacrificed their private feelings for the sake of the country, so Li Hung-chang must do the same, and will use all his influence and beneficial career in promoting the interests of those for whom it is founded.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

(Before H. E. Wedderburn, Esq.)

Tuesday, May 9.

A CHINESE SOCIETY TAKING POSSESSION OF A POOR MAN'S HOME.

Lum Fuk and nine others, farmers, were charged by Chin Tai, farmer, with stealing two pigs, value \$9, on the 8th instant.

The complainant said he lived at the back of Wong-nieng-cheng village, where there was a festival going on at present, the expense of which was borne by different people. A society to which he and the defendants belonged, subscriber one dollar each to purchase crackers &c., to present to the Tien Han Temple. Yesterday morning the first defendant, the head of the society, and the others, called for the complainant's subscription, but the latter having no money at present, was unable to pay it, and in the afternoon two of his pigs, which were now in the charge of the defendant, were taken.

He reported the loss to the police and the pigs were returned.

Inspector said that the complainant stated yesterday that he did not wish to belong to the society this year. The Inspector said that considerable trouble was given with regard to these subscriptions last year, one man being killed in a quarrel about the matter.

The defendants said the complainant was

dead the society \$4, and agreed to give them the pigs for \$6. They intended to pay him the \$2, but had not yet done so.

The Magistrate dismissed the case.

INDECENT BATHING AND ASSAULTING THE POLICE.

Eusur Singh and Suda Singh, two Gun Lascars, were charged with indecent bathing and with assaulting the police in the execution of their duty on the 8th instant.

P.C. Thomas Ryan said the complainant, P.C. Lyons, was in Hospital from injuries which one of the defendants had inflicted.

The case was remanded until Thursday, the 11th instant.

DRUNK AND INCAPABLE.

Gus Shulin, seaman on board the *Plainmellier*, was arrested in an incapably drunken condition yesterday, and this morning was fined 50 cents or one day's imprisonment for the offence.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF AN EMIGRANT'S TICKET.

Li Ahop, hawkers, was arrested by a Chinese constable on the Praha about six o'clock this morning with a passage ticket for San Francisco, value \$49, in his possession, and as he could not give a proportionate account to how he came by it he was taken to the Yik Fung shop in Wing Lok Street where the ticket had been issued. There, Chau Aleung, to whom the ticket had been sold, came in and said he had lost the ticket he had purchased and identified the one defendant on the defendant as his. The defendant said he had picked it up on the Praha, and did not know what it was. He had not been trying to sell the paper. Inspector Swanston knew it to be a common practice for emigrants' tickets to be stolen from them at the Harbour Master's office, where there was generally a large crowd. The thefts were usually committed with impunity, the crime being mostly done after the emigrants had passed their examination. Sentence of six months' imprisonment with hard labour was imposed.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTES AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

A reference to one of our late back numbers will enable readers to obtain our views on "Technical Education" in the Colony—the necessity for establishing schools of industrial art or attaching workshops to existing educational establishments where for whom they were desirable without prejudicially affecting the acquisition of elementary education. Professor Thompson advocated, before the British Association, the organization of a school and workshop side, by side, for artisan children in the old country, where the hours would be co-ordinated by giving the same time to practical as to theoretical instruction.

Mr. Russell, when Acting Prime Minister, and as he was obliged to leave the Bench before the hearing had concluded, the case had to be re-heard before Mr. Justice Snowden. Mr. Justice Snowden not having concluded the hearing before he left on vacation leave, the case had to be gone into a third time before the Chief Justice, who heard and concluded the case last week and reserved judgment. To-day His Lordship delivered judgment, non-suited the plaintiff and Mr. Mossop for the defendant.

LAURET OF TWO BANGLES.

Li Chim, tailor, was accused by a Chinese constable on the Praha about six o'clock this morning with a passage ticket for San Francisco, value \$49, in his possession, and as he could not give a proportionate account to how he came by it he was taken to the Yik Fung shop in Wing Lok Street where the ticket had been issued. There, Chau Aleung, to whom the ticket had been sold, came in and said he had lost the ticket he had purchased and identified the one defendant on the defendant as his. The defendant said he had picked it up on the Praha, and did not know what it was. He had not been trying to sell the paper. Inspector Swanston knew it to be a common practice for emigrants' tickets to be stolen from them at the Harbour Master's office, where there was generally a large crowd. The thefts were usually committed with impunity, the crime being mostly done after the emigrants had passed their examination. Sentence of six months' imprisonment with hard labour was imposed.

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CHARGE OF BREACH OF CONDITIONAL PAROLE WITHDRAWN.

Chun Ahun, shop coolie, was charged, on remand, with breach of conditional parole on the 1st instant.

Sergeant Campbell stated on the last occasion the case was before the Court, that while on duty at the Canton steamer *Wing Lok*, he noticed the defendant was in plain clothes, he noticed the defendant was brandished on the left side of the head. He questioned the man who said he had never been in gaol in his life, but the Sergeant took him to the station and found he had been deported on the 20th January, 1879. To-day the Sergeant said he had been directed by the Assistant Captain Superintendent of Police to withdraw his conditional parole.

The coolie was then discharged.

IN POSSESSION OF HOUSEBREAKING IMPLEMENTS.

Li Aking was arrested by Acting Inspector Hennessy in Holloway Road about six o'clock on the morning of the 2nd instant, the Inspector noticing that the defendant had something up his sleeve, which afterwards turned out to be a bundle of iron sticks, six skeleton keys, two sharp pointed instruments and a piece of charcoal, house-breaking implements. The last time the case was up a remand was granted to make enquiries about the man. The Inspector stated this morning he had no further evidence, and the man was fined £5, or in default of payment, to suffer six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

SUPREME COURT.
IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before the Hon. G. Phillips, Chief Justice.)

Tuesday, 9th May.

SAM SHING AND OTHERS v. YEUNG SING, \$514.62.

The Hon. Ng Choy appeared for the plaintiffs, and the defendant was represented by Mr. Mossop, of Messrs. Donnys and Mitchell.

The Hon. Ng Choy said that his client sued for the sum of \$874.61, the balance of an account which had been incurred for goods bought by the defendant and delivered to him.

The Hon. Ng Choy said that his client had a fire in the workshop of a candle during some chin-chin-joss proceedings. The Ting Fung-hian Ho-hang is a large shop for the sale of salted fish, situated in a small alley-way called the Pau-chia-long, which runs from the main street down to the Ting Fung-hian Ho-hang of the river leading out on the same just by the fish market.

Favoured by a good S.W. breeze, the flames spread rapidly, and were only arrested by the fire walls for which Ningpo is justly famous.

The Hon. Ng Choy said that his client had a fire burn wildly for about four hours and razed to the ground over 200 houses in a very wealthy quarter of the town, including a large hotel, six large fish-salting depots, four well-to-do native banks, four smaller cash exchange shops, two large rice shops, and two large fruit shops. The damage is roughly estimated at 20,000, 30,000, or even \$40,000. No lives are reported to have been lost.

Mr. Mossop said the defence was that the goods were supplied to the firm of Sun Shui Fung, with which firm the defendant had no connection except that he was employed in it as accountant at the time.

His Lordship suggested that it was not disputed that the goods were supplied to the firm.

The Controller of Police, Major Watson, rode to the scene of conflagration with all despatch.

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